Scotland, but stiffly denied all that was alleged against her, whereon they caused her to be taken back to prison, there to receive the tortures which had lately been provided for witches Moreover it has been found by careful examination of witches and witchcraft, and by the confession of the witches themselves, that the devil marketh them with some secret mark , for when he receives them as his servants he hcketh them with his tongue in some privy part of the body, which is commonly covered with hair, so this mark may not easily be seen, and so long as the devil's mark is not seen by the searchers the witch will not confess to anything

For over an hour this Agnes Sampson was grievously tortured with a rope thrawen round her head, according to the Scottish custom, but would confess nothing until the devil's marlc was found upon her privities, when immediately she confessed all that was demanded of her And now being again brought before the King she confessed that on All Hallowe'en last she with a great company of other witches, to the numbei of two hundied, had gone to sea, each one in a riddle or sieve, drinking and making merry as they sailed until they came to the kirk of North Berwick in Lowthian, where they landed and danced a reel, Geilhs Duncan going before them playing on a small tiumpct, called a * Jews' trump,' until they entered the kirk This declaration so astonished the King that he sent for Geillis Duncan, who played this dance upon the trumpet before him, much delighted to be present at such strange examinations

Agnes Sampson said further that the devil in likeness of a man had waited for their coming at North Berwick kiik, and being vexed that they tarried over long m the journey had

enjoined on them a penance, which was to kiss his buttocks in sign of duty to him Then he made an ungodly exhortation, greatly inveighing against the King of Scotland , and took their oaths for their good and true service. So they returned to sea and home again At this time the witches asked the devil why he so hated the King of Scotland, and he replied that the King was his greatest enemy m all the world

Sundry other things Agnes Sampson confessed before the King so strange and miraculous that he said they were all extreme liars Whereupon she answered that she would dis-